



## Idaho Milk Production Up 2.3 Percent

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Idaho milk production during March 2004 totaled 748 million pounds, a 2.3 percent increase from the same month last year and 9.4 percent more than February 2004. Revised production for February 2004 totaled 684 million pounds, down 2.3 percent from the preliminary estimate and 5.2 percent above February 2003. Average milk production per cow in March 2004 was 1,810 pounds, 40 pounds less than March 2003 and 150 pounds above February 2004. The average number of milk cows during March was 413,000 head, an increase of 1,000 head from the previous month, and 18,000 head more than March 2003.

Nationally, March milk production in the 20 major States totaled 12.8 billion pounds, down 1.8 percent from production in these same States in March 2003. February revised production, at 11.8 billion pounds, was up 1.4 percent from February 2003. However, adjusting for leap year, February milk production was down 2.1 percent on a per day basis from last year. The February revision represented a decrease of 35 million pounds or 0.3 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,656 pounds for March 2004, 10 pounds below March 2003. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.71 million head, 96,000 head less than March 2003, and 2,000 head less than February 2004.

## Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, March 2003-2004

| State                 | Milk Cows 1/      |              | Milk Per Cow 2/ |              | Milk Production 2/    |               | 2004 As<br>Percent<br>of 2003 |
|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
|                       | 2003              | 2004         | 2003            | 2004         | 2003                  | 2004          |                               |
|                       | <i>1,000 Head</i> |              | <i>Pounds</i>   |              | <i>Million Pounds</i> |               | <i>Percent</i>                |
| Arizona               | 155               | 155          | 2,085           | 2,095        | 323                   | 325           | 101                           |
| California            | 1,681             | 1,708        | 1,850           | 1,810        | 3,110                 | 3,091         | 99                            |
| Florida               | 145               | 139          | 1,435           | 1,540        | 208                   | 214           | 103                           |
| <b>IDAHO</b>          | <b>395</b>        | <b>413</b>   | <b>1,850</b>    | <b>1,810</b> | <b>731</b>            | <b>748</b>    | <b>102</b>                    |
| Illinois              | 113               | 108          | 1,670           | 1,650        | 189                   | 178           | 94                            |
| Indiana               | 147               | 145          | 1,720           | 1,730        | 253                   | 251           | 99                            |
| Iowa                  | 203               | 194          | 1,640           | 1,630        | 333                   | 316           | 95                            |
| Kentucky              | 120               | 109          | 1,135           | 1,175        | 136                   | 128           | 94                            |
| Michigan              | 302               | 298          | 1,800           | 1,790        | 544                   | 533           | 98                            |
| Minnesota             | 480               | 465          | 1,540           | 1,510        | 739                   | 702           | 95                            |
| Missouri              | 131               | 123          | 1,340           | 1,345        | 176                   | 165           | 94                            |
| New Mexico            | 315               | 327          | 1,835           | 1,765        | 578                   | 577           | 100                           |
| New York              | 680               | 660          | 1,540           | 1,510        | 1,047                 | 997           | 95                            |
| Ohio                  | 260               | 260          | 1,500           | 1,520        | 390                   | 395           | 101                           |
| Pennsylvania          | 585               | 564          | 1,600           | 1,570        | 936                   | 885           | 95                            |
| Texas                 | 320               | 317          | 1,610           | 1,735        | 515                   | 550           | 107                           |
| Vermont               | 151               | 144          | 1,535           | 1,540        | 232                   | 222           | 96                            |
| Virginia              | 116               | 101          | 1,360           | 1,450        | 158                   | 146           | 92                            |
| Washington            | 248               | 240          | 1,950           | 1,925        | 484                   | 462           | 95                            |
| Wisconsin             | 1,263             | 1,244        | 1,530           | 1,520        | 1,932                 | 1,891         | 98                            |
| <b>20 STATE TOTAL</b> | <b>7,810</b>      | <b>7,714</b> | <b>1,666</b>    | <b>1,656</b> | <b>13,014</b>         | <b>12,776</b> | <b>98</b>                     |

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

## April Potato Stocks

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers and processors in Idaho on April 1 totaled 46.5 million cwt, 2.50 million cwt less than on hand April 1, 2003. Disappearance, at 76.7 million cwt, is down from last year's 84.4 million cwt but up from 2001's 75.2 million cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest Counties totaled 2.60 million cwt, below last year's 2.80 million cwt. The Other Counties' stocks, at 43.9 million cwt, was 2.30 million cwt less than the amount stored on April 1, 2003.

The 15 major potato States held 126 million cwt of potatoes in storage April 1, 2004, up less than 1 percent from last year and 5 percent above 2002. Potatoes in storage account for 31 percent of the 2003 fall storage States' production, unchanged from last year. Disappearance of 278 million cwt of potatoes is down 1 percent from last year but 4 percent above two years ago.

### Fall Potatoes: Production & Stocks 1998-2003 Idaho & 15 Fall States

| CROP<br>YEAR | PRODUCTION        | TOTAL STOCKS |                |         |         |         |         |        |
|--------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
|              |                   | DEC 1        | FOLLOWING YEAR |         |         |         |         |        |
|              |                   |              | JAN 1          | FEB 1   | MAR 1   | APR 1   | MAY 1   | JUN 1  |
| IDAHO        | <u>1,000 Cwt.</u> |              |                |         |         |         |         |        |
| 1998         | 138,000           | 99,500       | 89,000         | 77,500  | 66,000  | 52,000  | 37,000  | 23,000 |
| 1999         | 133,330           | 96,000       | 86,000         | 76,500  | 65,000  | 50,000  | 36,000  | 21,000 |
| 2000         | 152,320           | 111,000      | 101,000        | 87,500  | 76,500  | 61,500  | 47,000  | 26,500 |
| 2001         | 120,200           | 87,500       | 78,000         | 68,000  | 58,000  | 45,000  | 32,500  | 18,500 |
| 2002         | 133,385           | 92,000       | 82,500         | 72,500  | 62,000  | 49,000  | 34,500  | 21,000 |
| 2003         | 123,180           | 86,000       | 76,500         | 67,000  | 58,000  | 46,500  |         |        |
| 15 STATES    |                   |              |                |         |         |         |         |        |
| 1998         | 423,170           | 280,910      | 246,230        | 209,640 | 173,650 | 131,220 | 87,895  | 50,270 |
| 1999         | 420,567           | 275,100      | 239,910        | 207,150 | 169,620 | 128,410 | 86,915  | 47,220 |
| 2000         | 458,827           | 310,300      | 275,270        | 234,260 | 197,670 | 153,520 | 109,160 | 61,240 |
| 2001 2/      | 387,033           | 258,750      | 224,680        | 192,190 | 158,590 | 119,950 | 81,200  | 42,990 |
| 2002 2/      | 407,085           | 264,585      | 231,690        | 199,320 | 165,310 | 125,870 | 82,940  | 45,980 |
| 2003         | 403,946           | 267,860      | 233,880        | 200,530 | 166,690 | 126,410 |         |        |

1/ See table below for listing of 15 states. 2/ Production revised in *Field Crops, Final Estimates 1997 - 2002* publication released March 17, 2004. Stocks will be revised in *Potatoes and Sweet Potatoes, Final Estimates 1997 - 2002* publication tentatively scheduled for release August 20, 2004.

### Production and Total Stocks of Fall Potatoes Held By Growers, Processors and Local Dealers on April 1, 2003 and April 1, 2004 1/

| STATE                            | CROP OF 2002 |                               |   | CROP OF 2003 |                               |   |
|----------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|---|--------------|-------------------------------|---|
|                                  | PRODUCTION   | TOTAL STOCKS<br>APRIL 1, 2003 | APRIL 1 STOCKS<br>AS % OF<br>PRODUCTION | PRODUCTION   | TOTAL STOCKS<br>APRIL 1, 2004 | APRIL 1 STOCKS<br>AS % OF<br>PRODUCTION |
| <u>1,000 Cwt.</u> <u>Percent</u> |              |                               |   |              |                               |   |
| California 2/                    | 4,316        | 1,600                         | 37                                      | 3,444        | 1,500                         | 44                                      |
| Colorado                         | 27,885       | 9,900                         | 36                                      | 23,652       | 7,000                         | 30                                      |
| Idaho                            | 133,385      | 49,000                        | 37                                      | 123,180      | 46,500                        | 38                                      |
| Maine                            | 16,960       | 6,300                         | 37                                      | 17,030       | 6,500                         | 38                                      |
| Michigan                         | 13,878       | 2,900                         | 21                                      | 15,015       | 3,100                         | 21                                      |
| Minnesota 2/                     | 18,810       | 6,100                         | 32                                      | 22,330       | 7,600                         | 34                                      |
| Montana                          | 3,224        | 1,900                         | 59                                      | 3,339        | 2,100                         | 63                                      |
| Nebraska 3/                      | 8,611        |                               |   | 9,860        |                               |   |
| New York                         | 5,500        | 220                           | 4                                       | 6,510        | 750                           | 12                                      |
| N. Dakota                        | 23,460       | 7,900                         | 34                                      | 27,440       | 11,200                        | 41                                      |
| Ohio 2/ 3/                       | 902          |                               |   | 1,290        |                               |   |
| Oregon                           | 24,936       | 7,500                         | 30                                      | 20,991       | 8,300                         | 40                                      |
| Pennsylvania 2/                  | 2,128        | 400                           | 19                                      | 3,915        | 500                           | 13                                      |
| Washington 2/                    | 92,340       | 23,000                        | 25                                      | 93,150       | 21,500                        | 23                                      |
| Wisconsin 2/                     | 30,750       | 7,100                         | 23                                      | 32,800       | 7,300                         | 22                                      |
| Other States                     |              | 2,050                         |   |              | 2,560                         |   |
| 15 STATES 2/                     | 407,085      | 125,870                       | 31                                      | 403,946      | 126,410                       | 31                                      |

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2003 totaled 28.3 million cwt.

2/ 2002 production revised in *Field Crops, Final Estimates 1997 - 2002* publication released March 17, 2004. Stocks will be revised in *Potatoes and Sweet Potatoes, Final Estimates 1997 - 2002* publication tentatively scheduled for release August 20, 2004.

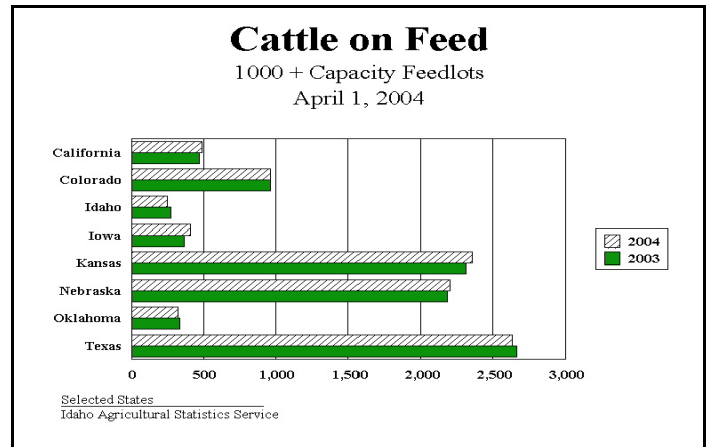
3/ Combined into "Other States".

## Idaho Cattle on Feed Down 9 Percent

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on April 1, 2004 totaled 255,000 head, down 9 percent from the April 1, 2003 inventory. The inventory was down 4 percent from the number on hand March 1, 2004. Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during March totaled 39,000 head, down 19,000 head from March 2003 placements. Marketings during March totaled 46,000 head, down 11,000 head from March 2003 marketings.

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States from feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.75 million head on April 1, 2004. The inventory was slightly above April 1, 2003 but 7 percent below April 1, 2002. Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.80 million, 11 percent below 2003 and 8 percent below 2002. Net placements were 1.74 million. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 347,000, 600-699 pounds were 346,000, 700-799 pounds were 641,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 470,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.97 million, 9 percent above 2003 and 8 percent above 2002. Other disappearance totaled 67,000 during March, 8 percent above 2003 but 3 percent below 2002.



## Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots<sup>1/</sup>

| State                | April 1, 2003    | March 1, 2004 | April 1, 2004 |              |               |
|----------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
|                      |                  |               | Number        | As % of 2003 | As % of March |
|                      | ---1,000 Head--- |               | ---Percent--- |              |               |
| Arizona              | 278              | 295           | 293           | 105          | 99            |
| California           | 475              | 500           | 495           | 104          | 99            |
| Colorado             | 970              | 1,020         | 970           | 100          | 95            |
| <b>Idaho</b>         | <b>280</b>       | <b>265</b>    | <b>255</b>    | <b>91</b>    | <b>96</b>     |
| Iowa                 | 375              | 405           | 415           | 111          | 102           |
| Kansas               | 2,320            | 2,390         | 2,360         | 102          | 99            |
| Nebraska             | 2,190            | 2,270         | 2,210         | 101          | 97            |
| New Mexico           | 105              | 112           | 105           | 100          | 94            |
| Oklahoma             | 340              | 335           | 330           | 97           | 99            |
| South Dakota         | 210              | 210           | 205           | 98           | 98            |
| Texas                | 2,670            | 2,690         | 2,640         | 99           | 98            |
| Washington           | 180              | 175           | 170           | 94           | 97            |
| Other States         | 320              | 310           | 300           | 94           | 97            |
| <b>United States</b> | <b>10,713</b>    | <b>10,977</b> | <b>10,748</b> | <b>100</b>   | <b>98</b>     |

<sup>1/</sup>Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

## Idaho Foodsize Trout Sales Decreased Slightly in 2003

Idaho foodsize trout sales during 2003 totaled \$29.1 million, down 3 percent from the \$29.9 million in 2002. The number of foodsize fish sold was 34.0 million, down 11 percent from the 38.0 million sold a year ago. Total pounds sold a year ago were 34.6 million pounds, compared to 37.4 million pounds in 2002.

The number of foodsize trout sold in the 20 selected states during 2003 totaled 45.9 million fish, down 8 percent from the previous year. The average price per pound, at \$1.09, increased 1 cent from 2002. The value of sales for the 2003 marketing year was \$55.4 million, down 5 percent from 2002. Based on the dollar value, 68

percent were sold to processors and 20 percent were sold to fee and recreational fishing establishments.

The total value of all sales, both fish and eggs, received by trout growers in the 20 selected States totaled \$66.4 million during 2003, a decrease of 5 percent from 2002. Sales of fish totaled \$62.3 million for 2003, while egg sales totaled \$4.18 million. The State of Idaho accounted for 47 percent of the total value of fish sold.

## Idaho Red Meat Production Declines 7 Percent

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for March 2004 totaled 43.8 million pounds, down 7 percent from last year. March production was up from February's 35.7 million pounds. Accumulated red meat production for the January-March 2004 period totaled 120 million pounds, 19 percent below the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.95 billion pounds in March, up 6 percent from the 3.71 billion pounds produced in March 2003. Beef production, at 2.11 billion pounds, was 3 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.87 million head, up 4 percent from March 2003. The average live weight was down 17 pounds from the previous year, at 1,217 pounds. Veal production totaled 14.2 million pounds, 14 percent below March a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 76,900 head, down 10 percent from March 2003. The average live weight

was 15 pounds below last year, at 308 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.80 billion pounds, up 11 percent from the previous year, and set a record monthly high. Hog kill totaled 9.04 million head, 11 percent above March 2003. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 268 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 22.1 million pounds, was up 22 percent from March 2003. Sheep slaughter totaled 306,800 head, 17 percent above last year. The average live weight was 144 pounds, up 6 pounds from March a year ago. January to March 2004 commercial red meat production was 11.1 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2003. Accumulated beef production was down 7 percent from last year, veal was down 11 percent, pork was up 5 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 6 percent.

### Commercial Red Meat Production, Selected States and United States 1/

| State                | March 2003     | February 2004  | March 2004     | March 2004 As Percent Of <sup>2/</sup> |               |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--|---------------|
|                      |                |                |                | March 2003                             | February 2004 |
|                      | Million Pounds |                |                | Percent                                |               |
| California           | 114.8          | 105.6          | 122.9          | 107                                    | 116           |
| Colorado             | 157.9          | 145.0          | 170.8          | 108                                    | 118           |
| <b>IDAHO</b>         | <b>47.3</b>    | <b>35.7</b>    | <b>43.8</b>    | <b>93</b>                              | <b>123</b>    |
| Illinois             | 201.6          | 194.7          | 237.2          | 118                                    | 122           |
| Iowa                 | 519.4          | 500.2          | 579.9          | 112                                    | 116           |
| Kansas               | 446.1          | 414.9          | 492.9          | 110                                    | 119           |
| Minnesota            | 191.0          | 174.0          | 202.5          | 106                                    | 116           |
| Montana              | 1.1            | 1.1            | 1.2            | 103                                    | 109           |
| Nebraska             | 559.7          | 483.3          | 555.3          | 99                                     | 115           |
| Nevada               | 0.1            | 0.1            | 0.1            | 129                                    | 148           |
| Oklahoma             | 78.5           | 83.1           | 93.5           | 119                                    | 113           |
| Oregon               | 3.7            | 3.1            | 3.7            | 102                                    | 122           |
| South Dakota         | 80.7           | 74.0           | 77.7           | 96                                     | 105           |
| Texas                | 368.7          | 341.3          | 406.9          | 110                                    | 119           |
| Utah                 | 40.1           | 30.7           | 33.0           | 82                                     | 108           |
| Washington           | 45.3           | 35.5           | 36.6           | 81                                     | 103           |
| Wyoming              | 0.5            | 0.5            | 0.5            | 87                                     | 101           |
| <b>UNITED STATES</b> | <b>3,706.1</b> | <b>3,403.4</b> | <b>3,946.2</b> | <b>106</b>                             | <b>116</b>    |

1/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton. 2/ Percentages based on unrounded data.